

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
May 7, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Town Council: Susan Silva, Vice Mayor
Richard Davis, Councilmember
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember

Excused: Mary Nedrow and Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Ray Barraza, Charlotte Hicks and Richie Davis

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Wayne Wiltbank, Dave Lull, Gary Edwards (Inner Circle Pyros) Becki Christensen Chamber Director, Paleontologist Doug Wolfe, Steven, Glorinda & Collins family, Joe and Julia Barraza Gilbert, Fabian & Isaac Barraza, Irene Moya and Adrianna Marquez.

Vice Mayor Susan Called the May 7th town council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present, Councilmember's Richard Davis and Robert MacKenzie. Legal Counsel Timothy Shaffery was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: None

Manager, Council and Staff Reports;

Manager West reported that our health insurance RAGHT met with employees today regarding the benefit changes that will be taking place on July 1, 2014. He noted that there will be a big emphasis on preventative care/wellness programs this coming year for both the employee and their spouses. He reported that the preliminary budget is almost ready for presentation to the council. We also had one of our police officers semi-retire. He went into the DROP's program for the next five years. The rodeo is moving along and they are now looking for some donations. If they meet the amount they hope to raise they will be offering free entrance for the kids accompanied by a parent.

Vice Mayor Silva thanked the council and the staff for their support, flower and meals after her surgery.

Chief Nuttall reported he was able to get new tasers with the \$14,000 stipend he received from the 100 Club. He encouraged the public to contribute to the 100 Club noting that it's a great organization that helps fallen officers and their families and police and fire departments in safety matters.

He explained then said he was going to present Woodland and Blue Hills with a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance with charitable donations and services to both the Town and the police department.

PWD Tim Rasmussen presented Ray Barraza with an Employee Honesty award for finding cash on an easement he was working on and turned the cash into police department. He set an example in the community and the other employee and thanked him on behalf of the Town. The business person also wanted to thank him and presented him with a token as well.

PWD Rasmussen also reported that ADOT will be bringing the hydro-vac for US 60 to clean out the culvert next to Pima and feels that this will alleviate the flooding issues. A week from Monday they will be double chip sealing on Haulapai, Hopi, Cochise, Yaqui and Yavapai Streets. They will be handing out letters to residents to prepare for this. They've also been prepping the parks for the summer and the Little League fields for their opening day. He's almost completed the Small Communities Environmental Protection Plan that will be brought before the council for approval. They are almost done with the weight room for all town staff.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the April 16, 2014 council meeting minutes.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve consent item 5a as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

6. Old Business: None

New Business:

7. 4th of July Fireworks:

Consider approval of the 4th of July Fireworks donation:

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve \$5,000 for the 4th of July fireworks.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

Wayne Wiltbank thanked the council and asked for clarification on whether this included the cost of the insurance. Manager West told him that this was in addition to the cost of insurance.

8. White Mountain Dinosaur Exploration Center:

Mr. Doug Wolfe gave a status update on the newly named White Mountain Dinosaur Exploration Center for which they have identified a location and are currently in negotiations with the property owner. He provided the council with a packet containing information on the new center. Mr. Wolfe presented the council with t-shirts with the new name of the Center. There's going to be concessions with food, a coffee stand, gifts, He gave of the highlights of what the center would look like. He also said he's created a mini exhibit of fossils, casts, models and artwork highlighting the Zuni Dinosaurs at the Springerville Heritage Center the Zuni Dinosaurs. He added that they are looking for financial donations, materials, carpeting, tiles and lumber to build decks.

9. Digital Sign: Discussion regarding entering into partnership for a digital sign.

Manager West explained that he has information saying that Northland Pioneer College would like to partner with two others who are going to have the sign and would like to have advertising on the sign. They would like to be able to budget for it this year. He explained that originally we went to the school to partner with us but when it came time they didn't have enough money. We're looking at a three way split to get this digital sign. He would like to find out if this is something the council would like to pursue and get direction to research this. The council agreed and asked him to bring more information including the cost for a three way split.

10. Executive Session:

Consider entering into executive session for discussion of the Town Manager contract ARS 38-431-03 (A) (1) (3) and (4)

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to enter into executive session for discussion of the Town Manager's contract t 6:30 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie
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Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:45 p.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie
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Vice Mayor Susan Silva announced they will be directing the Town Attorney to proceed with the contract and present a draft to the Town Manager by Monday.

11. Town Manager Contract: No action was taken.

12. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie
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Vice Mayor Susan Silva

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2014.

Town Clerk